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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 3 December 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001)
CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

12 noon

13th (closed) meeting

Conference Room 7

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING
THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.

227th (closed) meeting*

Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members of the United Nations, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up areas".

GENERAL ASSEMBLY*Fifty-sixth session*

10 a.m. 72nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)

2. Question of Palestine [41]

(a) Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/56/35)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, A/56/L.22)

3 p.m. 73rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

(a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)

(c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

Committees**SECOND COMMITTEE**

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. informal consultations Conference Room 6
(closed)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.42 (item 12), L.35 and L.38 (item 95 (a))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39, L.40 (item 102), L.41 (item 98 (f)); and A/56/28, Chap.VII, Section A (item 107)

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 31st meeting Conference Room 3

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/56/3 (chaps. I, VII, (Sections B and C) and IX))

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Administrative expenses of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund (A/56/289 and A/56/7/Add.1)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2002 (A/C.5/56/2 and A/56/511)

Introduction and general discussion

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001 (A/C.5/56/4 and A/56/518)

Introduction and general discussion

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47 (Illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects) (A/C.5/56/13 and A/56/644)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1, as orally revised (Preparations for the substantive preparatory process and the Second World Assembly on Ageing) (A/C.5/56/15)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31 (Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination) (A/C.5/56/21)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.26 (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) (A/C.5/56/16)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.7 (Special session of the General Assembly on children) (A/C.5/56/18)

Morning* - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda items 121 and 126 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations and Human resources management: Proposed regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of officials other than Secretariat officials and experts on mission and regulations governing the status, basic rights and duties of the Secretary-General (A/55/928 and A/56/437))

2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Safety and security of United Nations personnel (A/56/469 and Corr.1 and A/56/619))

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
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Subjects

1. United Nations System Staff College
2. Executive session on conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials
3. Executive session on the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Monday, 3 December 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.9 (item 98 (d)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room C-209B: A/C.2/56/L.15 (item 98 (b)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 1: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/56/L.18 (item 96 (a)), and A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Room S-2963D: A/C.2/56/L.17/Rev.1 (item 98 (c)), from 12 noon to 1 p.m.;

* Following the adjournment of the 31st meeting of the Second Committee.

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.20 (item 98), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.8 (item 98 (g)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room D: A/C.2/56/L.37 (item 95 (a)), from 6.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations to prepare negotiations on the consolidated text of the International Strategy for Action on Ageing from 3 to 7 December 2001 in Conference 1. The informal consultations will begin on Monday, 3 December, at 3 p.m.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Monday, 3 December 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on the Second World Assembly on Ageing)

10 a.m. - Conference
1 p.m. closed meeting Room 4

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

10 a.m. - Economic and Social
1 p.m. closed meeting Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on agenda item 98 (c) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa))

11 a.m. - Conference
12 noon closed meeting Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on the International Conference on Financing for Development)

1.30 p.m. - Conference
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE (on draft compilation on A/C.2/56/L.35 and L.38 under agenda item 95 and on the draft resolution on the Special Meeting of the General Assembly on the digital divide)

3 p.m. - Conference
6 p.m. closed meeting Room 4

GROUP OF 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

6 p.m. - Conference
9 p.m. closed meeting Room 5

Briefing

Mr. Timothy Lemay of the United Nations Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) will make a presentation on the Global Programme against Money Laundering (GPML) on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on draft resolution under agenda item 21 (j) (Cooperation between the Organization of the African Unity and the United Nations), organized by the delegation of Zambia, on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal meeting

An informal meeting, organized by the Group of 77 and Mexico, to discuss the draft resolution on the international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), will be held on Monday, 3 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 4 December 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 74th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa [48]

- (a) Report of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on the Causes of conflict and the Promotion of Durable Peace and Sustainable Development in Africa (A/56/45)
- (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/371)
- (c) Draft resolution (A/56/L.28)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m. 36th meeting Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

2 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a)
(Strengthening of the coordination of
emergency humanitarian assistance
of the United Nations)*

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (a), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 35
(Support by the United Nations system of the efforts
of Governments to promote and consolidate new
or restored democracies)*

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 35 on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 20, organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B. All delegations are invited to attend.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 33
(Return or restitution of cultural property to the
countries of origin)*

Informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 33, organized by the delegation of Greece, will be held on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited to attend.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance)*

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Thursday, 6 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Friday, 7 December 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The resumed session of the Preparatory Committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing will be held from 10 to 14 December 2001.

The consolidated text of the International Strategy may be viewed and downloaded on the Web site of the United Nations Programme on Ageing (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/ageing/waa/strategycons.doc>). Copies of the text are also available outside of the office of Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1370).

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Bob F. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following consultations with delegations, the Facilitator for the International Conference on Financing for Development, Mr. Mauricio Escanero, has scheduled the release of the revised draft outcome document of the Conference for Thursday, 6 December 2001, at which time it will be posted on the Financing for Development Web site (<http://www.un.org/esa/ffd>).

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by today, 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 (*on the Second World Assembly on Ageing*) on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

There will be a meeting of members of national parliament attending the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly, organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, from 10 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The Secretary-General will address participants at 10 a.m.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole (*at the ambassadorial level*), on Wednesday, 5 December 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of their International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday to Thursday, 10 to 13 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at United Nations Headquarters.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 5 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: 963-9684 and 963-9196).

Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Tuesday, 18 December 2001, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 19 December, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, an outline of activities and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. Members from United Nations agencies are also encouraged to apply. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 11 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

As from Monday, 3 December 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency>.

The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: <http://www.un.org/ga/president>. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

The Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm>; <http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373>; <http://www.un.org/russian/documen/scdocs/committees/1373>; and <http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html>.

During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: <http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org> or <http://www.un.int/indonesia>.

During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: <http://www.un.int/belgium>.

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 29 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

68th plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 64 to 84.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/56/526) [64]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/526) (resolution 56/14).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/56/527) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/527) (resolution 56/15).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/56/528) [66]

By 110 votes to 3, with 41 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/528) (resolution 56/16).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/529) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/529) (resolution 56/17).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Maintenance of international security - good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe: report of the First Committee (A/56/530) [68]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/530) (resolution 56/18).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/56/533) [69]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/56/533) (resolution 56/19).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/531) [70]

By 92 votes to 46, with 17 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/531) (resolution 56/20).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/532) [71]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/532) (resolution 56/21).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/56/534) [72]

By 105 votes to none, with 54 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/534) (resolution 56/22).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/56/535) [73]

By 156 votes to none, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/535) (resolution 56/23).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 73.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/56/536) [74]

The Assembly was informed that a decision on draft resolution U would be taken at a later date.

The Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to T and V to W as well as draft decisions I to III recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 73 of its report (A/56/536).

The representative of Venezuela made a statement in explanation of vote.

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Draft resolution A (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24A)	82	5	62
Draft resolution B (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24B)	98	0	58
Draft resolution C (recorded vote) (not adopted)	45	54	45
Draft resolution D (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24C)	98	45	14
Draft resolution E (resolution 56/24D)		adopted	
Draft resolution F (resolution 56/24E)		adopted	
Draft resolution G (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24F)	154	0	5
Draft resolution H Operative paragraph 3 (the words "and South Asia") (recorded vote)	140	2	8
Draft resolution H Operative paragraph 3 (as a whole) (recorded vote)	145	1	7
Draft resolution H (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24G)	148	4	4
Draft resolution I (resolution 56/24H)		adopted	

Draft resolution J (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24I)	151	1	1
Draft resolution K (resolution 56/24J)		adopted	
Draft resolution L (resolution 56/24K)		adopted	
Draft resolution M (resolution 56/24L)		adopted	
Draft resolution N (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24M)	138	0	19
Draft resolution O (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24N)	139	3	19
Draft resolution P (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24O)	156	1	3
Draft resolution Q (resolution 56/24P)		adopted	
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 4 (b) (recorded vote)	133	4	12
Draft resolution R Operative paragraph 6 (recorded vote)	133	0	17
Draft resolution R (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24Q)	135	0	23
Draft resolution S Operative paragraph 9 (recorded vote)	149	3	6
Draft resolution S (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24R)	103	41	17
Draft resolution T Operative paragraph 1 (recorded vote)	153	4	2
Draft resolution T (as a whole) (recorded vote) (resolution 56/24S)	111	29	21
Draft resolution V (resolution 56/24T)		adopted	

Draft resolution W
(resolution 56/24U) adopted

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 74 of its report (A/56/536).

By 115 to 7, with 37 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft decision III recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 74 of its report (A/56/536).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and San Marino.

Statements on points of order were made by the representatives of Benin, Mauritania and Bulgaria.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 74.

Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/56/537) [75]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A to F recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 21 of its report (A/56/537).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Draft resolution A (resolution 56/25A)			adopted
Draft resolution B (recorded vote) (resolution 56/25B)	104	46	11
Draft resolution C (resolution 56/25C)			adopted
Draft resolution D (resolution 56/25D)			adopted
Draft resolution E (resolution 56/25E)			adopted
Draft resolution F (resolution 56/25F)			adopted

The representative of Guatemala made a statement on a point of order.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/56/538) [76]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A and B recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/56/538) (resolutions 56/26A and 56/26B).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/56/539) [77]

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/539).

	Yes	Against	Abstentions
Sixth preambular paragraph (recorded vote)	153	2	4
Draft resolution as a whole (recorded vote) (resolution 56/27)	153	3	6

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/56/540) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/540) (resolution 56/28).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/56/541) [79]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/541) (resolution 56/29).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (A/56/542) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/542) (resolution 56/30).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/56/543) [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/543).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/56/544) [82]

By 161 votes to 1, with no abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/56/544).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements: report of the First Committee (A/56/545) [83]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the First Committee on agenda item 83 (A/56/545).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 83.

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/56/546) [84]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/56/546).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84.

Friday, 30 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4432nd meeting

Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month

Letter dated 7 November 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2001/1055)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the President.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mauritius, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Tunisia, Bangladesh, France, China, Singapore, Ukraine, the United States, Colombia, Norway and Mali.

The President made a concluding statement.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

70th plenary meeting

Question of Palestine [41]

- (a) *Report of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestine People (A/56/35)*
- (b) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/642)*
- (c) *Draft resolutions (A/56/L.19, A/56/L.20, A/56/L.21, and A/56/L.22)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 41.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Yemen, Nigeria, Cyprus, Ukraine and the United Arab Emirates.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/56/L.19 to L.22 would be taken on Monday, 3 December 2001, in the morning, as the second item.

The situation in the Middle East [42]

- (a) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)*
- (b) *Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)*

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/56/L.23 and A/56/L.24.

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Norway, Belarus, Kuwait, the Syrian Arab Republic and Saudi Arabia.

Postponement of the date of recess

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess from Tuesday, 11 December, to Friday, 21 December 2001.

Programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/56/3/Add.2, which contained a programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the period from 3 through 14 December 2001. The President also informed the Assembly that the lists of speakers for items mentioned in document A/INF/56/3/Add.2 were open.

71st meeting

The situation in the Middle East [42]

(a) *Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/480, A/56/642)*

(b) *Draft resolutions (A/56/L.23, A/56/L.24)*

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 42.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Oman, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Pakistan, Israel, Argentina, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Japan, Chile, Malaysia, Togo, Bahrain, Lebanon, Australia and Ukraine.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon and Israel.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

35th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries), Angola, Thailand, Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Benin, Nepal, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Land-locked Developing Countries), Ethiopia, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Uganda, the Sudan, the United States and Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

Upon the request of the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under the item 106 to Wednesday, 5 December, at 6 p.m.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/42

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development: protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind [98 (f)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.41

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39 and L.40

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the drafts on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the Committee would hold informal consultations on Monday, 3 December, in the afternoon, and a formal meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, 4 December, in the afternoon, to consider drafts ready for action.

THIRD COMMITTEE

53rd and 54th meetings

Note: The summary of the 53rd and 54th meetings of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/235).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**International Covenant on Economic,
Social and Cultural Rights**

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2001

87th meeting

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee adopted its draft annual report to the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

*Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Rome, 17
July 1998*

*Ratification: Hungary (30 November 2001)**

*International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing
of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999*

Signature: Hungary (30 November 2001)

*Ratification: Cyprus (30 November 2001)**

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child
on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25
May 2000*

Signature: Slovakia (30 November 2001)

*Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child
on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.
New York, 25 May 2000*

Signature: Slovakia (30 November 2001)

ANNOUNCEMENTS**International Day
of Disabled Persons**

On the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons, an art exhibit entitled "United Colors", co-sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be launched on Monday, 3 December 2001, at 6 p.m. at the south end of the lobby of the Secretariat Building.

Also in observance of the International Day, a panel discussion on "New Approaches to Assess Progress and Evaluate Outcomes", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Thursday, 6 December 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. More information about the International Day will be available on the Internet at the following address: (<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/disobs.htm>).

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Special tribute to Mr. Ismat T. Kittani

There will be special tribute to the memory of Mr. Ismat T. Kittani, former President of the General Assembly, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and senior Iraqi diplomat, on Tuesday, 4 December 2001, at 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the participation of the Secretary-General. All attending are kindly requested to be seated in the Chamber by 11.45 a.m.

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International Volunteer Day

On Wednesday, 5 December 2001, International Volunteer Day, a special event marking the closing of the International Year of Volunteers 2001 (IYV), to be presided over by the President of the General Assembly, will take place from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The event will be held in connection with the two plenary meetings of the General Assembly, which will be devoted to volunteering as decided by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/57. Guest speakers will include His Royal Highness Prince of Asturias, D. Felipe de Borbon of Spain, and Dr. Nafis Sadik, former Executive Director of UNFPA, both appointed IYV Eminent Persons by the Secretary-General. Closing remarks will be made by the Secretary-General. The special event will be webcast live on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.un.org/webcast/events/iyv>. Information and documentation can be obtained on the official Web site for the International Year (<http://www.iyv2001.org>). For more information, please contact Ms. Yuko Osawa at United Nations Volunteers (tel.: (212) 906-3634).

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

United Republic of Tanzania
H.E. Mr. Daudi Ngelautwa Mwakawago

Asian States:

Turkey
H.E. Mr. Mehmet Ümit Pamir

Eastern European States:

Latvia
H.E. Mr. Gints Jegermanif (designated)

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Jamaica
H.E. Miss Mignonette Patricia Durrant

Western European and other States:

Israel
H.E. Mr. Yeduha Lancry

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